

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on January 30, 2007 at 3:32 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 320, 1/24/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Vice Chairman Moss assumed the chair so that Chairman Gillan could present SB 320. Sen. Moss opened the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:43 **SEN. KIM GILLAN (D), SD 24**, opened the hearing on **SB 320**, Revise resort tax -- delete population and designation requirement.

00:02:51 Sen. Tropila arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:05 Deputy Mayor Nancy Boyer, Billings

00:03:52 Sen. Esp arrived
Sen. Juneau arrived

00:05:25 Christina Volek, City Administrator, Billings

00:08:21 Sen. Laible arrived

00:09:57 Tim Burton, City Manager, Helena

00:13:00 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developer's Association

EXHIBIT(1os20a01)

00:14:22 Linda Beck, Director, Business Outreach and Recruitment

00:15:27 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

00:16:59 Jani McCall, Lobbyist for Billings Clinic

00:18:20 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

00:20:35 Vince Ruegamer, Councilman from Billings

00:25:34 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:28:49 Chris Kukulski, Bozeman City Manager

EXHIBIT(1os20a02)

EXHIBIT(1os20a03)

EXHIBIT(1os20a04)

00:33:57 Dick King, Missoula Area Economic Development
Association

00:35:49 John Engen, Mayor, Missoula

00:36:42 Jim Patrick, City Manager, Kalispell

00:39:27 Ed Meece, City Manager, Livingston

00:41:21 Jordan Love, City of Great Falls

00:42:31 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce and County
Commissioners from Yellowstone County

00:44:32 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:08 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Association

Informational Testimony:

00:47:30 Mona Jameson, Lobbyist Big Sky Resort District

00:52:51 Sen. Williams arrived

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:00 Sen. Laible to Sen. Gillan

00:59:03 Sen. Laible to Mona Jameson

01:02:16 Sen. Esp to Mona Jameson

01:05:12 Sen. Esp to Sen. Gillan

01:08:19 Sen. O'Neil to Mona Jameson

01:13:39 Sen. Tropila to Mona Jameson

01:16:14 Sen. Murphy to Mona Jameson

01:18:52 Sen. Laible to Mona Jameson

01:21:38 Vice Chairman Moss to Mona Jameson

01:23:36 Vice Chairman Moss to Deputy Mayor Boyer

01:26:25 Vice Chairman Moss to Chris Kukulski

01:30:45 Sen. Esp to Christina Volek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:05 Sen. Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:12 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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